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1. IN PAST WEEK ORCHESTRATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. INTENTION TO LIFT EMBARGO HAS BECOME EVIDENT AND APPEARS LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR INDEFINITE FUTURE. CAMPAIGN HAS TAKEN FORM OF GOVERNMENT STATEMENTS, DEMONSTRATIONS, TELEGRAMS TO EMBASSY, AND GOVERNMENT-INSPIRED NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS.

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2. IN ADDITION TO LONG PERORATION AGAINST LIFTING EMBARGO DELIVERED DURING ACCREDITATION CEREMONY OF AMBASSADOR (REF B), WHICH WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN APRIL 7 PRESS, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ISSUED TWO OTHER STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT, CRITICIZING ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND CALLING ON CYPRUS' FRIENDS IN CONGRESS TO BLOCK IT. IN ALL HIS STATEMENTS, KYPRIANOU CAUTIONED AGAINST EXPRESSIONS OF ANTI-AMERICANISM, EMPHASIZING THAT EMBARGO CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY THROUGH AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

3. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APRIL 6 ADOPTED RESOLUTION PROTESTING U.S. GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON EMBARGO AND EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SUPPORTERS IN U.S. CONGRESS AND AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE. KYPRIANOU'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY PASSED SIMILAR RESOLUTION SAME DAY.

4. EMBASSY HAS SO FAR RECEIVED SEVENTEEN TELEGRAMS FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS PROTESTING LIFTING OF EMBARGO. SIMILARITY OF LANGUAGE AND CONTENT THESE MESSAGES INDICATE A COORDINATED EFFORT. (SOME OF THESE CABLES, ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER OR CONGRESS, BEING FORWARDED TO DEPT.)

5. ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST REMOVING EMBARGO CONTINUE WITH THE FOURTH, TO BE STAGED BY LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS, SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON APRIL 7. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN PEACEFUL AND WELL CONTROLLED, APPARENTLY AT GOVERNMENT BEHEST.

6. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT'S TACTICS IN OPPOSING LIFTING EMBARGO APPEAR TO BE TO MAINTAIN STEADY PRESSURE, DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT EMBARGO SUPPORTERS IN CONGRESS, THROUGHOUT CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE. WE EXPECT GOC WILL SEEK TO ENSURE THAT CAMPAIGN NOT TAKE ON HARSH ANTI-AMERICAN TONE. IF CONGRESS DOES REPEAL SECTION 620X OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND IF THERE HAS BEEN NO VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WE WOULD EXPECT ANTI-AMERICANISM TO INCREASE SHARPLY. END COMMENT. STONE

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